



## From Over the Hill

—By Ed W1EJ

Now that the other election is over, it is time to have our Club election. We will again be using the Ham Club Online system to conduct the election. Nominations for the seven Club Officer positions will be taken from now through the November meeting. Write-in candidates will be allowed. For those interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please see the description of officer's duties elsewhere in this newsletter (p. 5), the information is excerpted from the club Bylaws. Please notice that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer have been combined into a single position. The electronic voting will open up the week before the December meeting and results will be announced at that session. If I am not nominated for President, or if nominated and I lose, I promise a peaceful transfer of power. You can submit nominations by email to Dave, KD6FIL, or make them during the November meeting.

The November Club meeting will be on Zoom only since I have no program planned, except for nominations, people are busy with Thanksgiving, and my time is also very limited due to personal issues. Information for the Zoom session will be

sent out the day before the meeting. There will not be cookies, actual or virtual.

The December meeting will of course be at our annual Christmas Party. It will be at Mary's Pizza on Sonoma Highway on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Dave (KD6FIL) arranged for that date after finding out that Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> was not available; thanks Dave. No Zoom option for this one.

One more thing on the election, if elected as President I plan to stick around for the entire year. I say that to assure possible Vice Presidents that they will probably not have an accidental promotion.

### NEXT MEETING

Wed, **November 20, 2024** at 7:30 PM  
on zoom.

Topic: **Nominations**

## Minutes of the October 16, 2024 Meeting

**ATTENDANCE: Members Online:** KG6QNT (Eileen), N7PIB (Sanford), K6YD (Kevin), N6LY (Liz), K6ZGN (Richard), KE6HID (Andrew), NJ6E (Stan), WB6TMH (Mike)

**In Person:** W1EJ (Ed), KD6FIL (Dave), W6XDX

(John), KF6FZN (Dick), N6TTV (Carl), KO6DXF (Don)

Adopt meeting minutes as published in newsletter? Motion Made and Seconded – Minutes approved as written.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**NEWSLETTER, EILEEN**, KG6QNT- Keep sending newsletter articles. Please provide a caption for any photos you submit.

**ACS, MOE**, KI6JNU-KD6FIL reporting- Quarterly ACS radio test was held on October 14. A quarterly ACS Leadership meeting will be held on Zoom on October 28.

**VE LIASON, ELIZABETH**, N6LY- Test is scheduled for October 26. There are currently 2 people signed up.

**RADIO OFFICER, MIKE**, WB6TMH- Nothing to report. If you need help troubleshooting a radio contact WB6TMH for assistance.

**TRUSTEE, DARREL**, WD6BOR – Not present

**SECRETARY/TREASURER, DAVE**, KD6FIL- There is \$3,498 in the bank plus money in PayPal account that needs to be transferred.

**VICE PRESIDENT, DARREL**, WD6BOR- Not present

**PRESIDENT, ED**, W1EJ- No updates.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

DMR Repeater- Has anyone used the repeater since it was repaired and reinstalled?

QSL Card for W6AJF – KD6FIL will make a draft for review and comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections- Nominations for officers should be submitted to the club secretary. Elections will be done through the HamClub website. Please submit nominations. Elections will be held in November and officers will be installed in December.

Club Bylaws- Need to update the bylaws on how to replace a club officer if they step down from their position during the year.

Christmas Party- Looking at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs on the December Club Meeting night (Wednesday, December 18). KD6FIL will contact Mary's to see if they are available that night.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs is holding a Technician License class on November 1, 2 & 3 with testing on November 3.

**MEETING TOPIC:** Chameleon Tactical Delta Loop Antennas (<https://chameleona-tenna.com/shop-here/ols/products/cha-tdl>)

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

## **VE Liaison News**

—By Elizabeth N6LY

We had our last test session of the year on October 26. We had a good turn out with 5 candidates, all of whom passed the test they were taking: one upgrade to Extra, one upgrade to General and three techs, one of whom also took his General exam and passed.

Congratulations to all the candidates, who earned their new license and upgrade and welcome to the club.

A big thank you to the VE Team (Sanford-N7PIC, Barb-K6WHY, and Kevin-K6YD), for helping with this test session, as well as throughout the year.

Our next test session will be on the last Saturday in January. More information to come in the December and January newsletter. If you are interested in testing, you can send me an email to reserve a spot.

# Parks on the Air Fun

—By Liz, N6LY

We have visited a couple new parks in the last few weeks. Down in the South Bay, in the hills and Forest above Half Moon Bay.

Castle Rock State Park (US-1136) was beautiful. The QSOs started coming in, as soon as we found a frequency, even though we didn't have cell service to spot ourselves. I ended up getting 34 contacts in 45 minutes.



Then we went to Portola Redwoods State Forest (US-1187), which was a little more difficult, being we were in a valley, deep in the forest. Still I ended up with 18 contacts in 45 minutes.

Sanford (N7IB) was able to contact me at both parks.

It was fun exploring some new parks.

We have also been at our local parks, testing out our setup for Alcatraz.

Thank you.

# Misc

Over the years you might have seen cards from the [QSL bureau](#) with curious non-philatelic stamps on them. They are buro stamps indicating the user has paid to have this card forwarded. A stamp collecting wife of ZL2CA has created an [interesting presentation on such stamps available online](#).

— Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

# Summit Adventures with Ed and Dave, St John Mtn, W6/NC-004

—By Dave KD6FIL

W1EJ and I ventured out on another summit adventure on Sunday, October 29. We headed north on Interstate 5 to Maxwell and turned west into the Coast Range. The plan was to activate St John Mtn and Goat Mtn in the Mendocino National Forest. The mountains are worth 6 points for SOTA activators and reasonably accessible. As usual, the adventure started at the 5 **AM** at Ed's house in Petaluma. The traffic was not bad going east, so it was a quick trip through Vacaville and then north on 505 and I5. After a gas stop in Williams, we turned off Highway I5 at Maxwell and headed past Stonyford and up the first mountain. The weather was looking good at the bottom of the mountain, but things quickly changed as we gained elevation. It was deer hunting season and there were a lot of hunters out. Definitely not the time to wear the new antler/antenna hat I got. At the top of St John Mtn it was blowing 20 mph and the mist was blowing through the antenna towers. It was a cold spot and there was no view because of the clouds. The bands were open and I was seeing JA stations being decoded on FT8 on 40 meters. It took about 30 minutes to make 7 contacts and I decided to shut down and sit in the warm car. Ed decided to tune up 20 meters at that point and he got very busy and didn't want to stop. He froze for another 20 minutes and then shut down. Heading back down the mountain seemed easier than going up. We headed south from St John Mtn to our next summit, Goat Mtn. It was about 15 miles. Once we got off the main road, we did not see anyone. It might have been because it was raining harder or that the area around Goat Mtn was closed to hunting. After about 5 miles of muddy dirt road the real adventure started. The low tire warning light came on.

Great, we were getting a flat tire in the rain on a remote dirt road with no one around! The tires all looked okay, but we didn't have a tire gauge to check. (Ed found out later, after reading the manual, that if you push the right button, the car will show all the tire pressures.) We decided that with the rain and the low tire, we should turn around and head back to civilization. We carefully drove to the Gas Station/General Store in Stonyford and bought a tire gauge. One tire was about 7 pounds low. We pumped it up and headed home. The tire light never came back on. Go figure. Even with the uncooperative weather and tire issues we had a good time. Great scenery, ham radio, interesting people to talk with, no snow and no bears! It was a successful trip.



## For Sale

Spiderbeam 10m mini mast brand new in the box with receipt. \$108.00 firm.

1 ½-year old ATAS-120A screwdriver Antenna, only used maybe 20 times. Never left on auto while driving. Always kept in house when not in use. Reduced price \$225.00.

MFJ-1979 17-foot stainless steel whip antenna. Like-new condition for \$50.00.

**Contact: Kevin- K6YD**

# VOMARC OFFICERS DUTIES

## Section F: Duties of **The Club** Officers

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of **The Club** and shall conduct all meetings, serve on all committees (as an advisor), and shall decide all questions of order and procedure in full accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. He/she shall sign all official documents of the corporation and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office. He/she shall have the power to appoint committee chairmen and to dismiss them upon completion of their assigned work. Each committee appointment must be renewed by the new Club President. At the expiration of the term of office all Club property in his/her possession will be turned over to the new President.
2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall assist the President and act for the President in his absences. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice-President will assume that position.
3. **SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the By-Laws of **The Club** and cause all amendments, changes, additions and deletions to be duly noted hereon. He/she shall keep the minutes of the regular meetings and special meetings of **The Club**. He/she shall keep a file of membership addresses up to date and other pertinent information. He/she shall, at the expiration of his/her term of office, turn over to his/her successor everything belonging to **The Club**.
4. **TREASURER:** He/she shall account for all monies received and expended, paying those bills authorized, and shall have published annually in **The Club** Newsletter, an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts.
5. **RADIO OFFICER:** He/she shall account for all Club equipment and the equipment on loan from the Police Dept. HE/she shall recommend new equipment and help in the selection of the equipment for **The Club** and RACES
6. **EDITOR:** He/she shall collect all information about **The Club** activities and that of Amateur Radio in general and report to the membership so that everyone in **The Club** will be knowledgeable of all upcoming activities.
7. **TRUSTEE:** The Trustee of the License shall be duly qualified and licensed by the FCC as Trustee of all radio stations and equipment and of the license issued by the FCC for such radio stations owned and operated by **The Club**. He/she shall be responsible for the proper and lawful operation of all Club radio stations, for all primary and secondary functions and controls of **The Club's** various remote stations.
8. **VE LIAISON:** He/she shall conduct, on behalf of **The Club**, sessions to administer licensing examinations in cooperation with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). He/she may also provide training sessions to assist potential applicants to study for their test.

**Note:** Thje offices of Secretary and Treasurer were combined years ago and will be voted as one office.

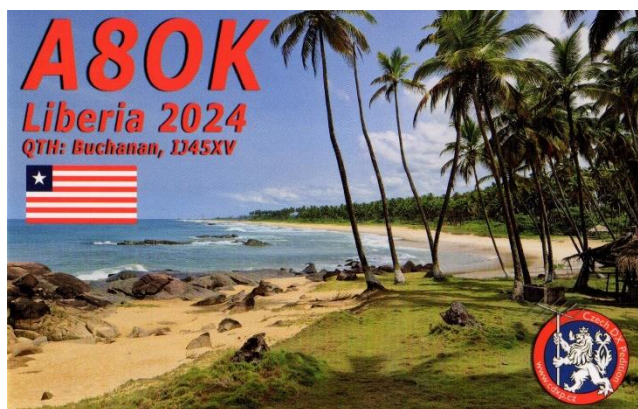
—Sumbitted by Ed, W1EJ



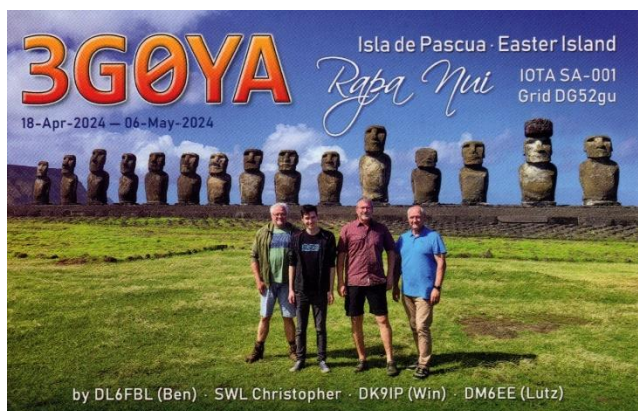
## QSL Card Inbox



Another ATNO in the form of this QSL card from XU7GNY in Cambodia. I worked them on 10M and 12M using FT8.



I worked the [A80K](#) DXpedition to Liberia in Africa on a number of bands and modes. This card confirms contacts on 160M, 80M, 40M, 30M 17M and 12M. All contacts made with a mixture of FT8, SSB and CW modes.



I had worked Easter Island in the Pacific before. But this card from [3G0YA](#) confirmed FT8 and SSB contacts 15M, 12M and 10M. These are all new band or modes for the DXCC entity.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Ed Jacobson, W1EJ – President

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR—Vice President

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL – Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Moe Llanes, KI6JNU – ACS Unit Leader

Elizabeth Morris-Mowrey, N6LY – VE Liaison

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Editor

Robert Barron, KA5WSS — Webmeister

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WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**Breakfast Nets** are held every Tuesday and Saturday morning at 7:30 AM on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—OR—

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## ACS

### NET CONTROL ASSIGNMENTS

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST	BILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

## VOMARC

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	Name	Call
JANUARY	ROBERT	KA5WSS
FEBRUARY	DARREL	WD6BOR
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	ED	W1EJ
AUGUST	CARL	N6TTV
SEPTEMBER	ED	W1EJ
OCTOBER	JOHN	W8EWL
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

## VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2024

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

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VOMARC Membership: Complimentary with Class—Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.